

## **New Jersey Manager Pleads Guilty to Receiving Years of Kickbacks**

The United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated questionable contracting practices by a New Jersey Operations Manager. Our investigation determined the Operations Manager steered \$600,000 in contracts for plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work at various postal facilities over a period of 8 years. In return, he received payoffs of \$100 to \$400 per job. Additionally, he received free automobile repairs for himself and his family, a free car for his son, and \$2,500 for his daughter's wedding. The OIG investigation also determined the Manager used the carpentry services of a postal employee at his residences while the employee was on duty. The Postal Service suspended the Operations Manager without pay. In July 2007, he resigned and pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the government. He faces up to 5 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.